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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4998

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

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FOR BILLER AND LAKAS, EB/CBA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP

SUBJ: COMMERCIAL BUDGETS

REF: (A) STATE 014713; (B) CANBERRA 0800 (NOTAL); (C) STATE 025999

1. REF (B) TRANSMITTED FEB. 5 AUSTRALIA COMMERCIAL
BUDGET AS REQUESTED REF (A).

2. AFTER REF (B) DRAFTED, WE RECEIVED REF (C) ANNOUNCING
APPARENT EMBARGO ALL PROGRAM TRAVEL FOR BALANCE OF 1975
AND IMPLYING PROBABILITY OF OTHER MAJOR NEGATIVE CHANGES
IN POST BUDGETS. THE CONTINGENCY EXPRESSED IN FINAL
SENTENCE OF PARA 2A OF REF (B) WAS INTRODUCED BECAUSE
OF THE RECEIPT OF REF (C).

3. REF (C) MAKES NO REFERENCE TO REF (A). WE DO NOT
KNOW WHETHER IT RESCINDS, SUPERSEDES OR OVERRIDES
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REF (A) OR WHAT OTHER EFFECT MAY BE INTENDED. IT SEEMS

POSSIBLE THAT COMMERCIAL FUNDING IS NOW BACK TO ITS
PRE-TOKYO PRE-TAIPEI STATE OF UNCERTAINTY.

4. UNDOUBTEDLY MOST OTHER POSTS ATTENDING RECENT
TOKYO AND TAIPEI E/C CONFERENCES FACE THESE SAME
QUESTIONS. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE VERY HELPFUL IF YOU
COULD ON BEHALF ALL OF US REVIEW THIS MATTER IN DETAIL
WITH EA AND ARRANGE TO ISSUE JOINT CLARIFICATION OF WHERE
THIS LEAVES COMMERCIAL BUDGET AND WHAT POSTS NEXT STEPS
SHOULD BE IN ATTEMPTING TO PROGRAM THE BALANCE OF 1975
COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.
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